



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a joint meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison Street, South Room, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council/IPHC agenda:

1. Introductions/opening comments
2. Brief history of NPFMC/IPHC/NMFS interactions
3. Brief description of respective management authorities and applicable laws
4. Current data/information collection issues relative to stock assessment and

management; Reconciling bycatch estimates for use in stock assessment and Catch Limit Fishing Mortality Rate (FCEY) determinations; Improving estimates of discard mortalities and discard mortality rates (DMRs(\)) in the directed halibut and other fisheries

- 5 . Discussion of current management measures and issues of mutual interest; IPHC Total mortality accounting framework and Scientific Statistical Committee (SSC) review; Council BSAI halibut Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) reduction package and SSC review; Abundance-based PSC limits (background discussion being drafted by NPFMC/IPHC)
- 6 . Identify areas of mutual interest in research and facilitation of management
- 7 . Public comment
- 8 . Council/IPHC discussion of all agenda items

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at

<http://www.npfmc.org>. Background documents, reports, and analyses for review are posted on the Council website in advance of the meeting.

Special Accommodations

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Dated: January 13, 2015.

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